

Premises and Approaches for Action
Indicated at this Time

A. Basic Premises

1. Premise #1

Primary premise for further action is to insure protection of CIARDS system, special treatment and retention of primary features of current CIARDS. Drop efforts for special consideration for civil service types at indication of negative reactions.

2. Premise #2

Keep Agency options open without premature commitment or detailed disclosure of courses of action until the form and substance of Congressional proposals are known and evaluated.

Initiate efforts to gain understanding and support for general CIA concerns first with the Senate and House Intelligence committees and then the Congressional retirement committees.

B. Approaches for Action

1. Congressional Sub-Committee Briefings

D/Pers or his designee with participation of OLL, should now meet with the staffs of the Intelligence oversight committees to brief on the unique circumstances of CIA with emphasis on need to preserve special treatment of CIARDS coverage.

Substance of early briefings should be as general as possible with sufficient detail as required to stimulate atmosphere of understanding and support.

2. On-Going Congressional Liaison and/or Briefings

Close liaison must be maintained by OLL with the Congressional retirement sub-committees to keep abreast of current development.

D/Pers or his designee with participation of OLL arrange future briefings with appropriate sub-committees as circumstances dictate and in sufficient detail to make the CIA case.

3. Commitment to a Course for Legislative Action

State of current progress of Congressional research effort does not indicate advisability for CIA to make commitment now on "best" approach.

Review and evaluation of options for legislative approaches are presented in the separate paper of this briefing package.